GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CHARITABLE HOSPITALS
Patil Shri Balasaheb Vikhe

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether financial assistance/facilities have not been given by the charitable hospital to the poor and concessional /free rates particularly in Mumbai;

(b) Whether the Government has received any complaints in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to take action against such charitable hospitals;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether these hospitals are exempted from the income tax and other taxes like customs duty; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (g): Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is for the respective State Governments to formulate procedures and regulate the functioning of the charitable hospitals in regard to provision of free/concessional rate treatment to the poor and to take appropriate action against defaulting hospitals. Facilities extended to the Institutes, information relating to violation of the procedures and regulations by the charitable hospitals in the States is not maintained Centrally.